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Honorable John W. McCormack
House Majority Leader
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman McCormack:

Thank you for sending Mr. McDonald's letter to me. I well remember his presentation, and the challenges he outlined and identified are very much with us today; if anything, they are more pressing than several years ago. Our very survival, and indeed the survival of democratic government, depend in large measure upon our success in reaching the hearts and minds of the masses of people in the lesser developed areas - in our demonstrating not only the value of free institutions, but also that the United States and its allies stand for and are active in attempting to bring about the eradication of hunger and disease and the orderly and progressive development of political and social institutions.

Although the concept of a special institution or agency, as suggested by Mr. McDonald, has not been adopted, the Government has long been attempting to achieve these objectives through the various branches with responsibilities in the field of foreign affairs. Insofar as this Agency is concerned, I should welcome an opportunity to get together with you sometime at your convenience and discuss some of the things we are trying to do in this field in implementation of our Government's policy.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosure

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annually provides training for large numbers of foreign students, while many Americans are assisted in studying abroad. The economic developmental projects of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) demonstrate concretely American readiness to help lesser developed countries help themselves, while numerous projects for training military, cooperative, labor, and other foreign leaders result in exposure to American traditions and techniques.

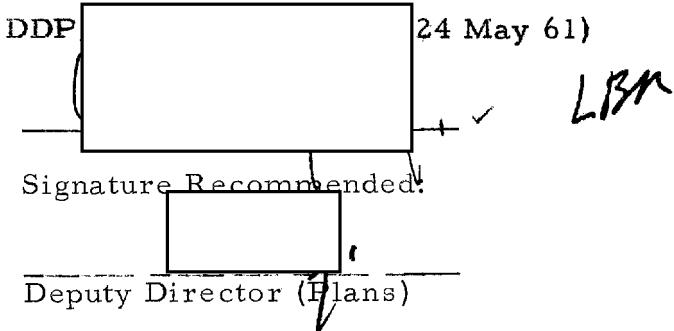
I am not suggesting that all is perfect or that we could not do more or do it better, for every day brings newer tests and more severe challenges. We will always welcome ideas on how we can do our work better.

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Although we have not adopted the concept of a special institution or agency, as suggested by Mr. McDonald, the Government has long been attempting to achieve these objectives through the various branches with responsibilities in the field of foreign affairs. I believe that every day the United States Information Agency (USIA) through the Voice of America (VOA) and the many offices of USIA attempts to project a factual and constructive image of American political, social, and economic institutions. Through its leadership grants and special programs for prominent and promising educational and political personalities, the Department of State

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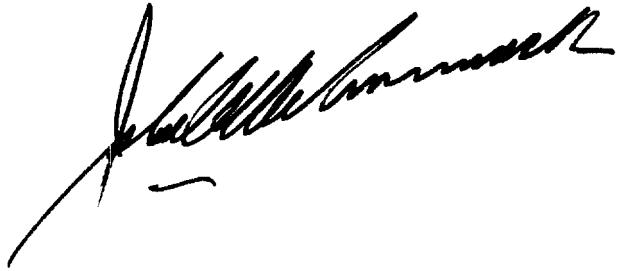
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a letter which I have received from David J. McDonald, President
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With kind regards, I am

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May 5, 1941

Honorable John A. McCormack
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman McCormack:

Several years ago, at a conference of Government, Industrial and Educational leaders, which was held at Princeton University, I made a proposal which was very highly thought of and, in fact, was adopted by the conference without dissent. The Directors of the National Security Council and of the C.I.A. were present at the time.

Insofar as I know, nothing developed and, with the hope that perhaps it is a worth-while idea, I am passing it along to you. It follows:

"We must construct an apparatus to reach the minds of the ordinary people of the free and captive worlds. This apparatus must consist of trained people, Americans and nationals of other lands who are dedicated to the American Ideal of freedom, peace and democratic life. They must be educated and re-educated to advance in every corner of the world our foreign policy and our political and economic principles. They must be hand picked and trained in the techniques of advocating our idea by personal contacts and by argumentation with groups such as labor organizations, fraternal organizations, farm organizations and all kinds of associations indigenous to the country in which they are to work.

The basic ideas which they could advance are stated in the Atlantic Charter. It is the frame within and upon which can be built a complete ideological structure.

The Soviet Union has been expounding the idea that it is the champion of the poor people of the world and that the United States is the oppressor of the poor and the champion of money-hungry capitalists. This must be disproved, and the truth of America's desire to help all of the people of the world must be believed.

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To do these things requires the development of an information and promotion organization of a kind never before known in America.

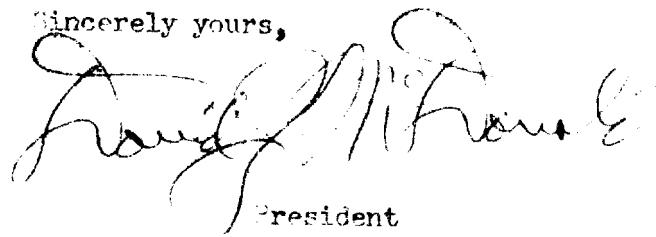
The Federal Government should:

1. Establish a Bureau of Foreign Information to plan and supervise contact programs.
2. Develop a program for training personnel.
3. Recruit American citizens to be trained to carry on the planned programs in foreign fields.
4. Permit nationals of the various countries and train them to advocate our programs. They could be trained either in the United States or in their own countries depending upon the respective internal political situations.
5. People from various employment and ethnic groups should be chosen and assigned to work with like groups, in the various countries; i.e., workers with workers, farmers with farmers, teachers with teachers, Frenchmen with Frenchmen, Indoescians with Indoescians, Africans with Africans, etc.

Great American projects such as the Marshall Plan, the Point Four Program, etc., have brought untold benefits to mankind but, unfortunately, most men do not know this. They must be made aware of what we have done and are continuing to do to allay fear, hunger and oppression. They must be shown that America is the promoter of the cause of the ordinary man seeking political and economic freedom and that the world communist movement has and will continue to be the oppressor of the people for the sole benefit of a race ignary, selfish-few communist leaders."

With kindest regards.

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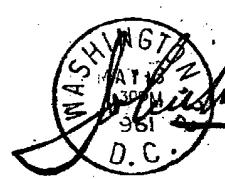


Frank M. House, Jr.

President

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

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